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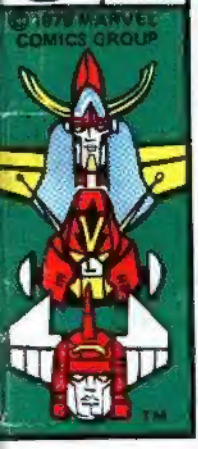

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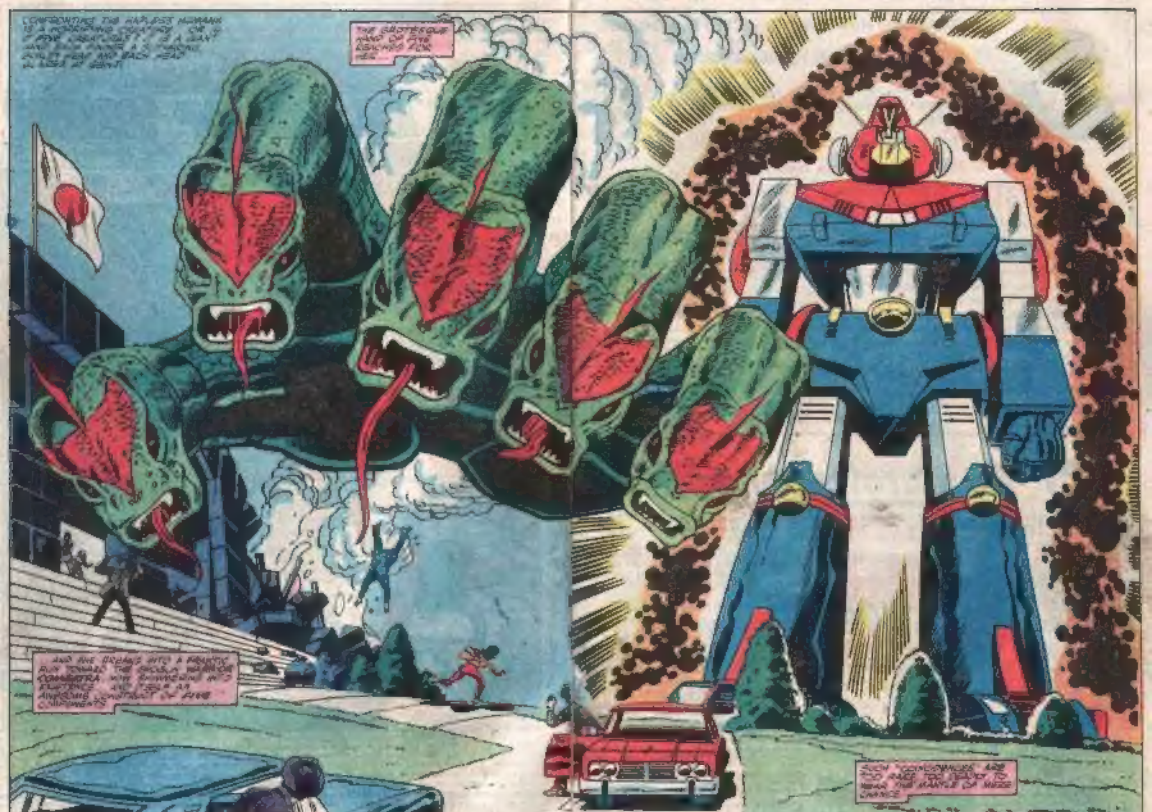
CONFRONTING THE HAPLESS HUMANS IS A MONSTROUS CREATURE OF EPIC PROPORTIONS! IT'S A GIANT MUTATED FROG! A GIANT MUTATED TOAD! A GIANT MUTATED TOAD-FROG! AND EACH HEAD IS EVEN MORE HIDEOUS THAN THE LAST!
THE GROTESQUE HAND OF THE ASHURA ZOMBIE!
AND THE BEINGS INTO A FRENZY, PLUS TOWARD THE CRUSH HOUR'S COMMUTERS, WHO SCURRYING INTO A WAITING AREA FOR A NO-NONSENSE CONFLICT OF EVIL CHARACTERS!
SUCH TECHNOLOGIES ARE NOT MADE FOR PEOPLE TO WEAR THE RANGE OF MECH SUITS!

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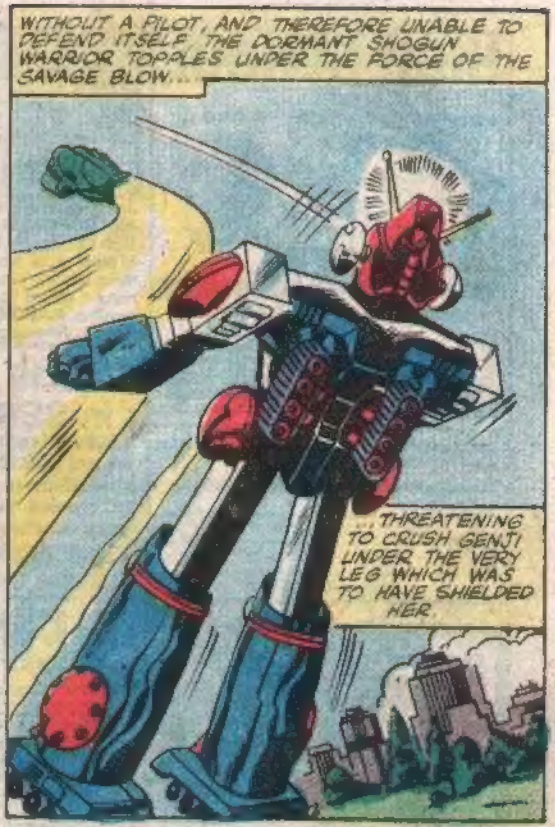
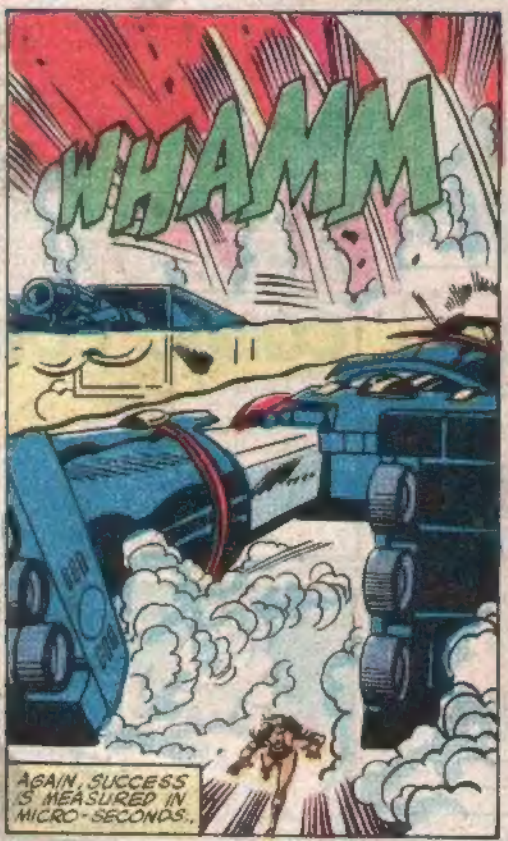
SHOGUN SANCTUARY
COMBATRA HAS BEEN TRANSPORTED, DR. TAMBURA.
GOOD. ACTIVATE THE BOARDING SHIMMER-TUBE, CHARN.
ACTIVATED--BUT THIS NEW MENACE IS FASTER THAN WE SUSPECTED. AGENT ODASHU MAY NOT REACH COMBATRA'S TUBE IN TIME...
SHE WILL NOT, CHARN--UNLESS SHE IS WISE ENOUGH TO CHANGE HER STRATEGY...
THE THING'S TOO FAST--I'LL NEVER MAKE IT! EVEN IF I REACH THE SHIMMER-TUBE, THE MONSTER WILL SLAM ME BEFORE I'M LIFTED EVEN HALFWAY UP TO COMBATRA'S BOARDING PORTAL...
SO I'VE GOT TO CHANGE MY TACTICS -- BUY SOME TIME -- SIMPLY EVADE THE MONSTER--
--BY DIVING BEHIND ONE OF COMBATRA'S GIANT LEGS RATHER THAN INTO THE SHIMMER-TUBE IN FRONT!
GENJI SUCCEEDS IN REACHING SHELTER WITH MERE MICRO-SECONDS TO SPARE.
ITS QUARRY OUT OF SIGHT, THE MONSTER SWOOPS UP, CLOSES INTO A BIZARRE, MASSIVE FIST, AND--


WITHOUT A PILOT, AND THEREFORE UNABLE TO DEFEND ITSELF, THE DORMANT SHOGUN WARRIOR TOPPLES UNDER THE FORCE OF THE SAVAGE BLOW...
...THREATENING TO CRUSH GENJI UNDER THE VERY LEG WHICH WAS TO HAVE SHIELDED HER.



SHE LEAPS INTO THE NOW HORIZONTAL SHIMMER-TUBE, KNOWING THAT THE FLOW OF ITS GRAVITY-VACUUM WILL CARRY HER TO COMBATRA'S ENTRY-PORTAL.

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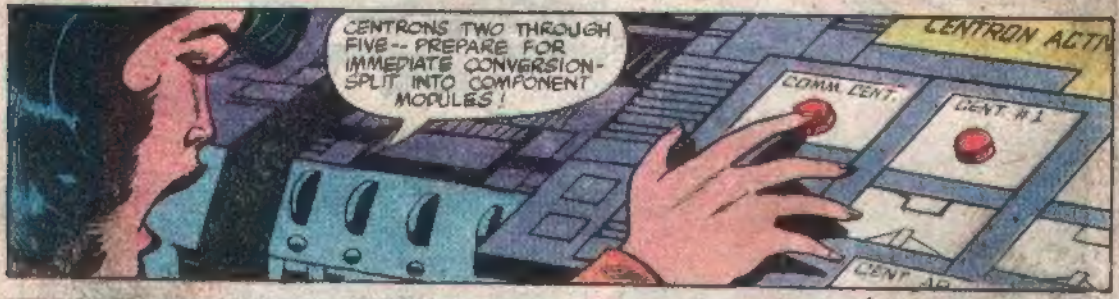
AND, INSIDE THE FALLEN COMBATRA'S CONTROL COCKPIT...
EVERYTHING'S TURNED SIDEWAYS -- GOT TO STRAP MYSELF IN ON MY BACK...

BUT NO SOONER HAS SHE DONE SO...
OH NO! THE MONSTER'S COMING STRAIGHT DOWN AT OUR "HEART"!
I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO ACTIVATE COMBATRA AND MOVE OUT OF THE WAY IN TIME -- UNLESS...


CENTRONS TWO THROUGH FIVE -- PREPARE FOR IMMEDIATE CONVERSION-SPLIT INTO COMPONENT MODULES!
CENTRON ACTN
COMM CENT.
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CENTRON SKYSKATER TWO -- READY.

CENTRON EARTHMOVER THREE -- READY.
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CENTRON TURBO-STREAKER FOUR -- READY!
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CENTRON GROUND-ROVER FIVE -- READY.
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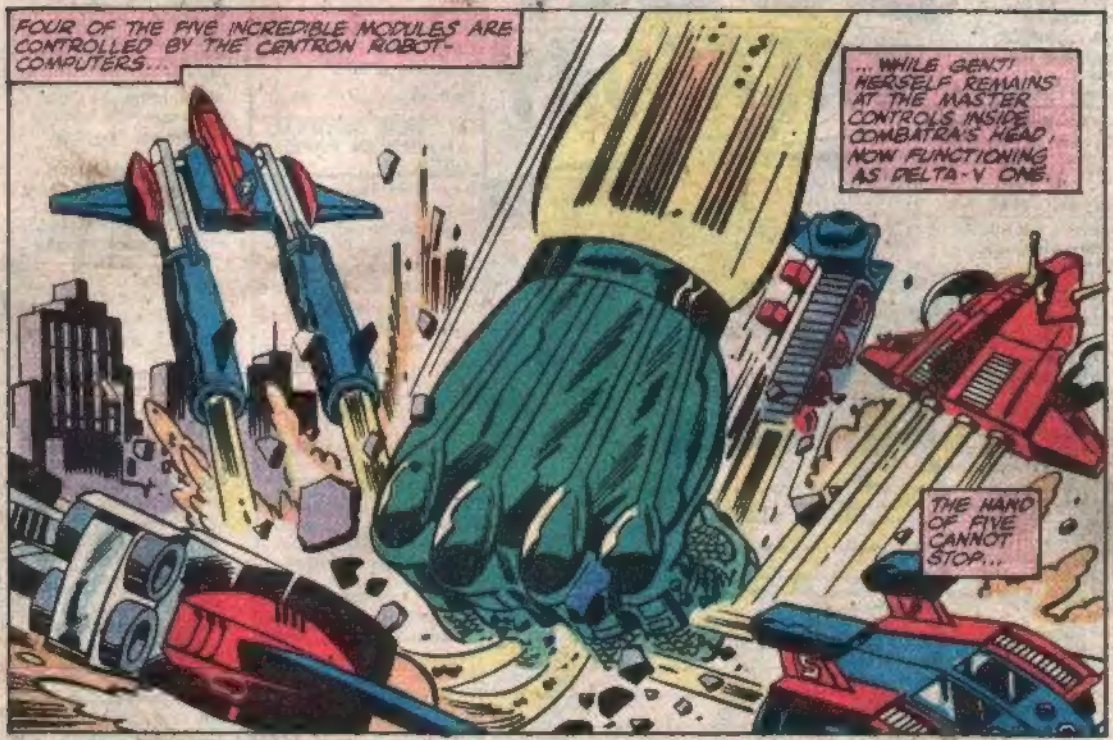
AND NONE TOO SOON.


FOUR OF THE FIVE INCREDIBLE MODULES ARE CONTROLLED BY THE CENTRON ROBOT-COMPUTERS...
...WHILE GENJI HERSELF REMAINS AT THE MASTER CONTROLS INSIDE COMBATRA'S HEAD, NOW FUNCTIONING AS DELTA-V ONE.
THE HAND OF FIVE CANNOT STOP...

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WH-WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS--?! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THEM BEFORE!
YES--AND LOOK AT THAT THING EMBEDDED IN THE GROUND! WHAT IS HAPPENING?!
GENJI SAID THAT SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY HAD HAPPENED TO HER--THAT NORMAL MATTERS WERE NO LONGER IMPORTANT--NOT HER JOB, NOR THE COURT HEARING... COULD THIS POSSIBLY INVOLVE HER--?
KROOM
ABRUPTLY, THE GROUND THROBS AND QUAKES.
THE HAND BLASTS FREE OF ITS EARTHEN PRISON
BUT THE GROTESQUE FINGERTIP HEADS ARE GONE!
THE CRATER TREMBLES...
...FIVE BURROWING LINES RADIATE OUTWARDLY...

...AND THE FIVE HEADS SHOCKINGLY BURST FREE!
GENJI REVERTS INDEPENDENT CONTROL TO THE FOUR CENTRONS, PREPARED TO OVERRIDE ONLY WHEN NECESSARY.
PICK A HEAD AND BRACE YOURSELVES, CENTRONS --
--BECAUSE THESE THINGS SURE LOOK MEAN!
MEANWHILE, AT THE OCEANOGRAPHY CENTER ON THE COAST OF MADAGASCAR...
YOU STILL HAVE NO CLUE, ILONGO?
NOTHING, JUDITH.
THERE'S NOT A THING IN ANY OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH EVEN SUGGESTS WHERE THE "STAR-CHILD" MONSTER CAME FROM OR WHY IT ATTACKED
THEN PERHAPS THESE MIGHT HELP...
NAILSMITH JUST DEVELOPED THEM-- THEY'RE THE LAST ONES HE MANAGED TO TAKE.
OH?

THESE SHOW THE THING IN ITS FINAL, METAMORPHOSED FORM. I DIDN'T KNOW NAISMITH HAD GOTTEN ANY SHOTS AFTER THE LARVAL CHANGE. STILL, EVEN THESE PHOTOS DON'T HELP US IN DETERMINING --
KRASH
WHAT WAS THAT? VOICES -- SHOUTING!
COME ON!
WHAT IS IT, NAISMITH?
A MOB FROM THE TOWN -- BLAMING THE PRESENCE OF THE "STARCHILD" MONSTER ON THE CENTER -- ON US! THEY THINK WE CREATED THE THING!
BUT THAT'S RIDICU-- AARRH!
KRASH
WAK
JUDITH? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
YES...I...I THINK SO... ILONGO! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
TRY TO STOP HIM, JUDITH! THAT MOB MIGHT DO ANYTHING!
STOP IT -- ALL OF YOU! THE TOWN HAS ALREADY HAD ENOUGH TROUBLE! NOW GO HOME!
YEAH, WE'VE HAD ENOUGH TROUBLE, ALL RIGHT -- AND YOU CAUSED THAT TROUBLE!
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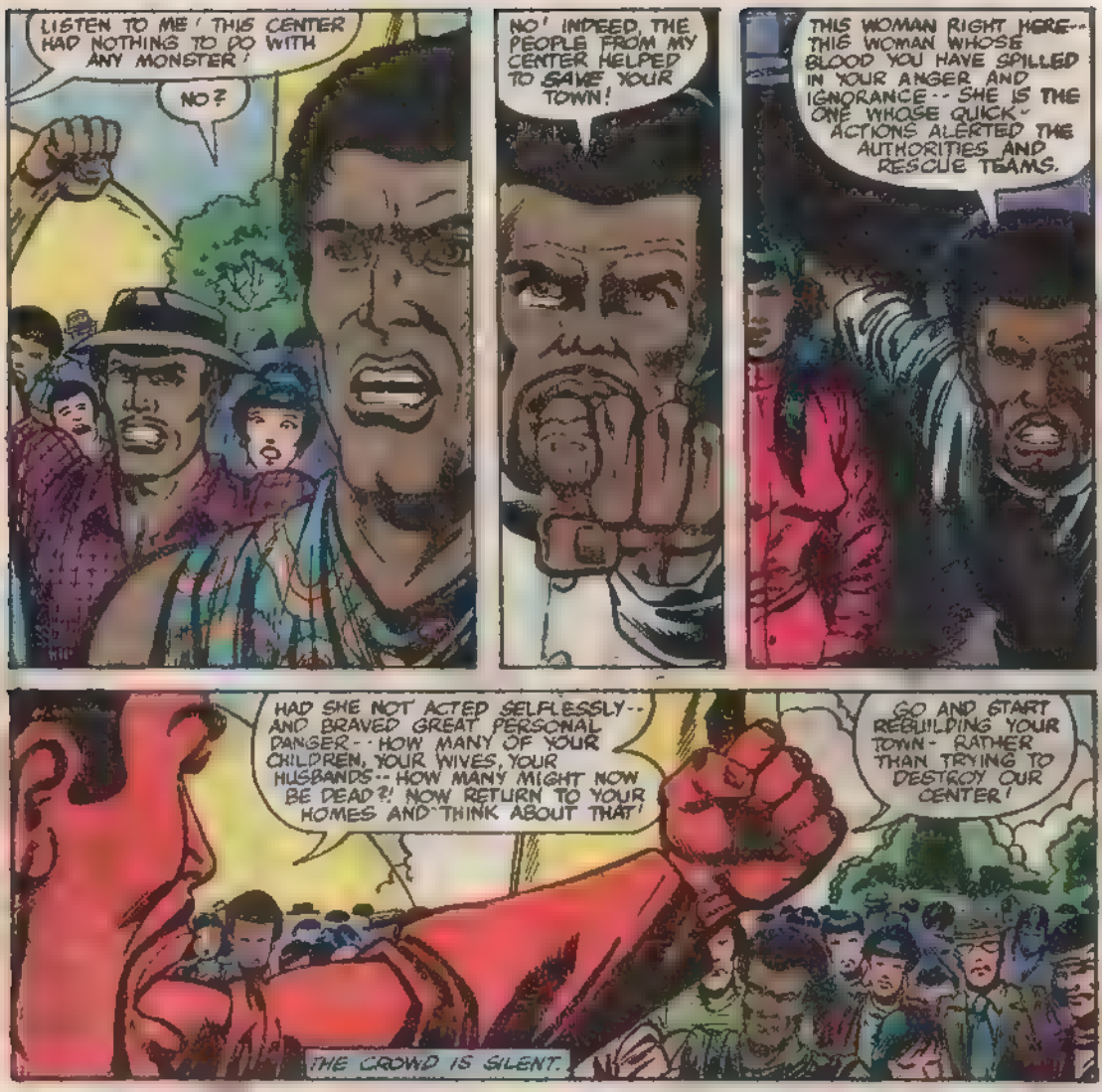
LISTEN TO ME! THIS CENTER HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY MONSTER!
NO?
NO! INDEED, THE PEOPLE FROM MY CENTER HELPED TO SAVE YOUR TOWN!
THIS WOMAN RIGHT HERE-- THIS WOMAN WHOSE BLOOD YOU HAVE SPILLED IN YOUR ANGER AND IGNORANCE -- SHE IS THE ONE WHOSE QUICK ACTIONS ALERTED THE AUTHORITIES AND RESCUE TEAMS.
HAD SHE NOT ACTED SELFLESSLY-- AND BRAVED GREAT PERSONAL DANGER -- HOW MANY OF YOUR CHILDREN, YOUR WIVES, YOUR HUSBANDS -- HOW MANY MIGHT NOW BE DEAD?! NOW RETURN TO YOUR HOMES AND THINK ABOUT THAT!
GO AND START REBUILDING YOUR TOWN - RATHER THAN TRYING TO DESTROY OUR CENTER!
THE CROWD IS SILENT.
THEY TURN, ASHAMED OF THEIR ACTIONS
YOU HAVE STOPPED THEM THIS TIME, ILONGO. BUT WHAT IF THE TOWN IS ATTACKED AGAIN .. BECAUSE OF YOUR ASSOCIATION WITH THE SHOGUN WARRIORS?
I DON'T KNOW, JUDITH I DON'T KNOW!
MEANWHILE.
GET READY, CENTRONS -- WE'RE ABOUT TO CLASH!

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THE ATTACK IS ACCOMPANIED BY SCREAMING ROARING CHAOS
SUPREMELY POWERFUL WEAPONS EXTRUDE FROM THE METAL BANDS WHICH ARE BOTH "NECKS" AND "FINGER-JOINTS" OF THE FIVE-HEADED BEAST
AS SEMTI AND THE FOUR CENTRONS RELEARN AN OLD LESSON THE ENEMY'S GREATEST STRENGTH IS THAT WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN REVEALED

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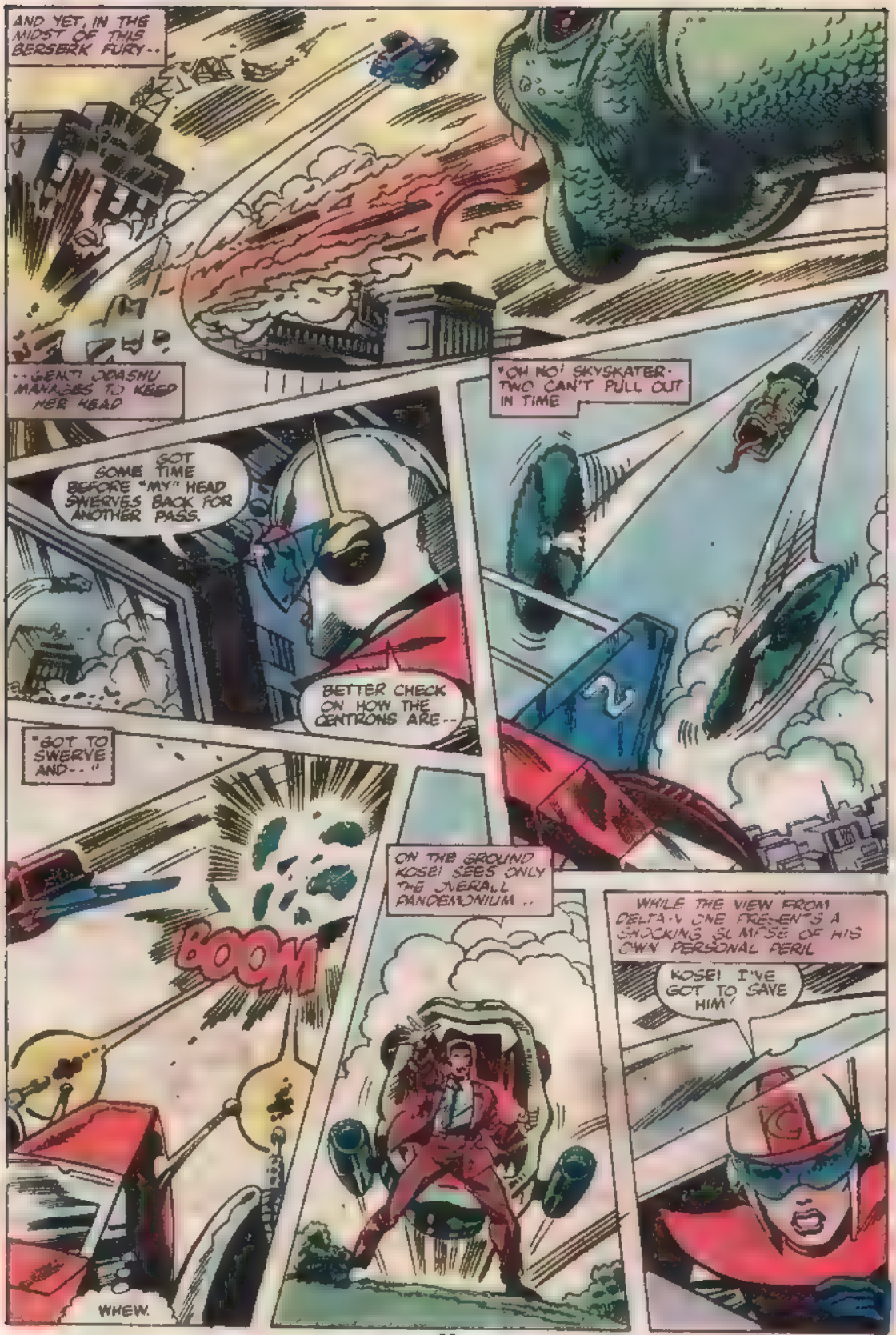
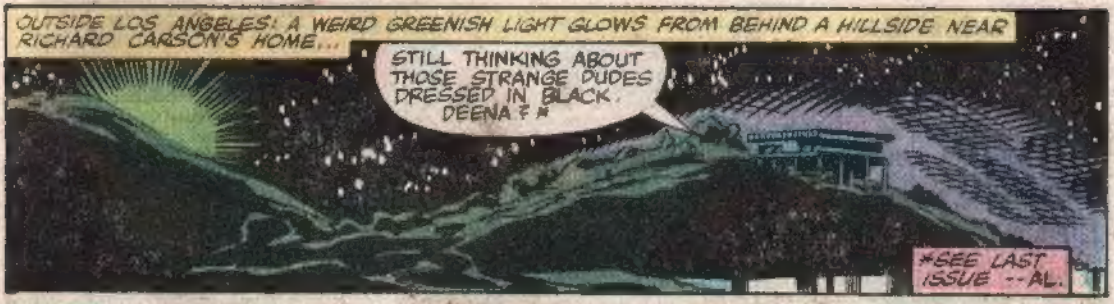

AND YET, IN THE MIDST OF THIS BERSERK FURY..
..GEN! ODASHU MANAGES TO KEEP HER HEAD
"OH NO! SKYSKATER-TWO CAN'T PULL OUT IN TIME
SOME TIME BEFORE "MY" HEAD SWERVES BACK FOR ANOTHER PASS.
BETTER CHECK ON HOW THE CENTRONS ARE--
"GOT TO SWERVE AND--!"
BOOM
WHEW.
ON THE GROUND KOSE! SEES ONLY THE OVERALL PANDEMONIUM ..
WHILE THE VIEW FROM DELTA-V ONE PRESENTS A SHOCKING GLIMPSE OF HIS OWN PERSONAL PERIL
KOSE! I'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM!


OUTSIDE LOS ANGELES: A WEIRD GREENISH LIGHT GLOWS FROM BEHIND A HILLSIDE NEAR RICHARD CARSON'S HOME...
STILL THINKING ABOUT THOSE STRANGE DUDES DRESSED IN BLACK, DEENA? *
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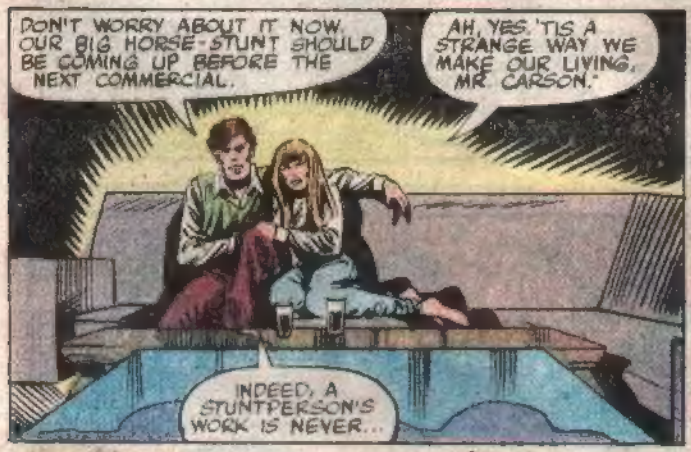
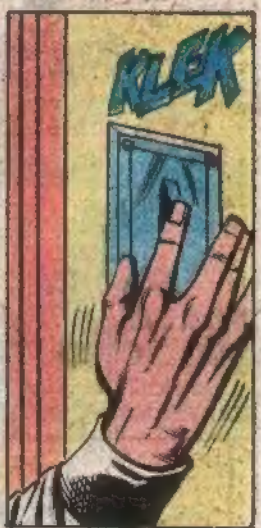

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT NOW. OUR BIG HORSE-STUNT SHOULD BE COMING UP BEFORE THE NEXT COMMERCIAL.
AH, YES. 'TIS A STRANGE WAY WE MAKE OUR LIVING, MR. CARSON.
INDEED, A STUNTPERSON'S WORK IS NEVER...



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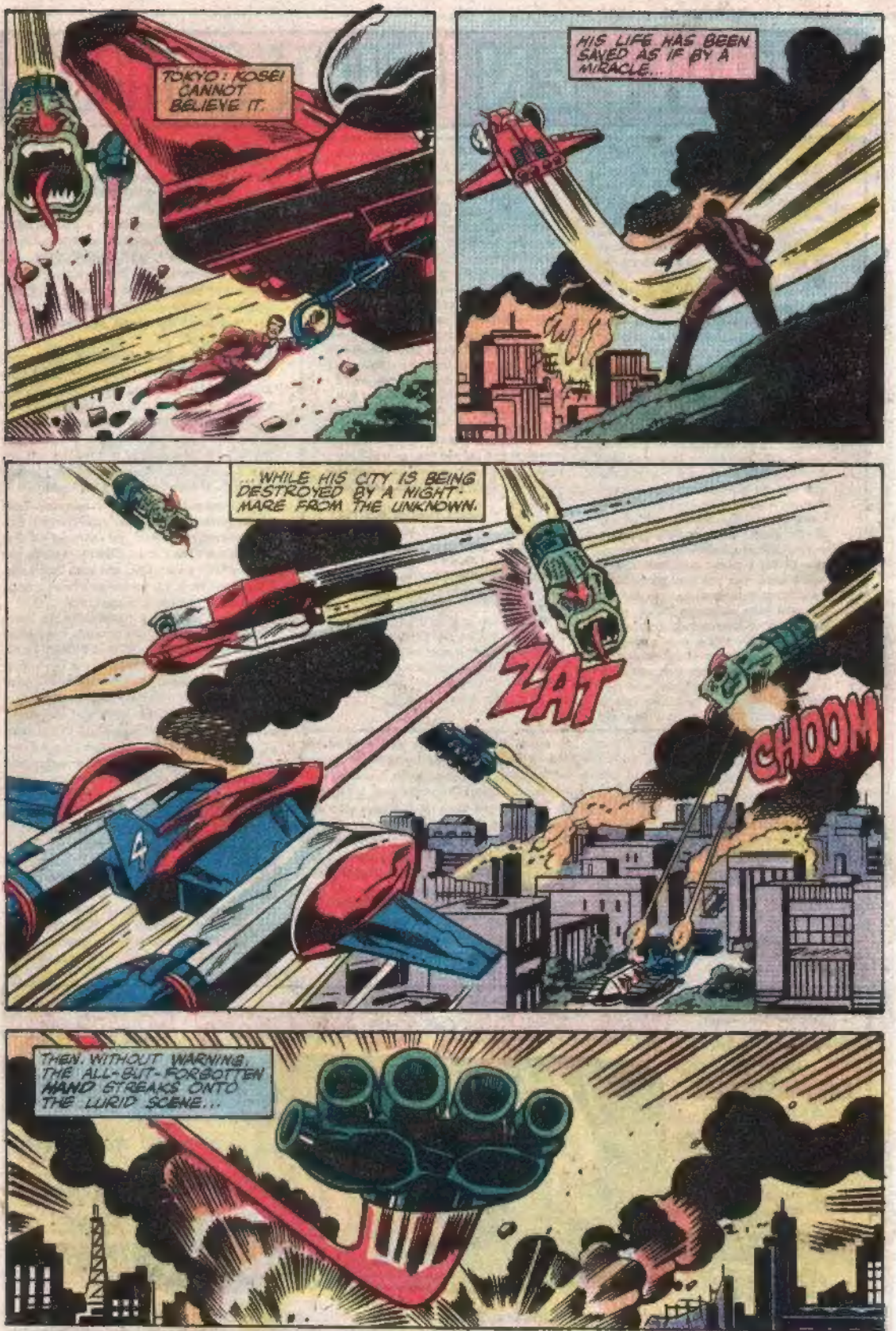
WHAT THE--?!
IT'S ONE OF THOSE MEN IN BLACK!
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY FILE CABI--?
BUT BEFORE CARSON CAN GET ANY CLOSER--
--THE MYSTERIOUS FIGURE MOVES WITH SURPRISING QUICKNESS AND NO APPARENT REGARD FOR PERSONAL SAFETY.
KEESH
WH-WHAT WAS HE LOOKING FOR, RICHARD?
I DON'T KNOW-- NOTHING IN THAT FILE CABINET BUT LETTERS, SCRAPBOOKS, OLD SCHOOL PAPERS...
MAYBE YOU SHOULD CALL FOR RAYDEEN, RICHARD...
NO, PILOTING RAYDEEN IS A HEAVY THING, DEENA--
--AND IT CAN'T BE ABUSED. I CAN'T GO CRYING TO THE FOLLOWERS EVERY TIME SOME LITTLE THING HAPPENS IN MY PRIVATE LIFE.
IF YOU SAY SO, RICHARD... EXCEPT I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING THIS ISN'T SOMETHING LITTLE.
UNNOTICED BY CARSON OR DEENA, THE WEIRD GREENISH GLOW FADES.


TOKYO: KOSEI CANNOT BELIEVE IT.
HIS LIFE HAS BEEN SAVED AS IF BY A MIRACLE...
...WHILE HIS CITY IS BEING DESTROYED BY A NIGHTMARE FROM THE UNKNOWN.
ZAT
CHOOM
THEN, WITHOUT WARNING, THE ALL-BUT-FORGOTTEN MAND STREAKS ONTO THE LURID SCENE...

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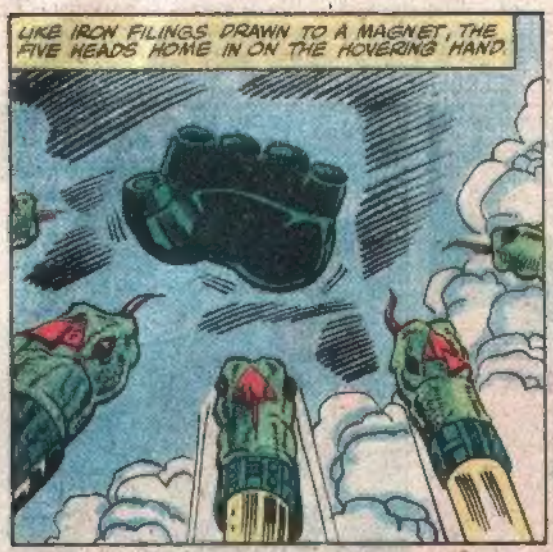
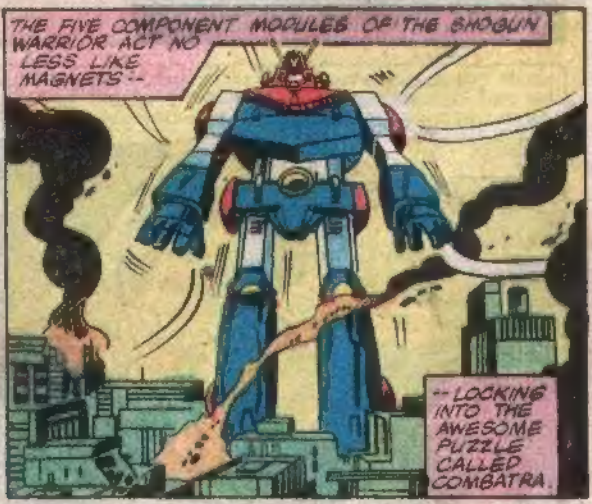


THEY LOCK INTO PLACE, AGAIN BECOMING BIZARRE "FINGERS."
AND THERE CAN BE LITTLE DOUBT IN THE OMINOUS STILLNESS: SOMETHING BIG IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN.


THE FIVE COMPONENT MODULES OF THE SHOGUN WARRIOR ACT NO LESS LIKE MAGNETS--
--LOCKING INTO THE AWESOME PUZZLE CALLED COMBATRA.

THE TWO UNIFIED FORCES OF FIVE CONFRONT EACH OTHER... AND THE SENSE OF IMPENDING CATACLYSM GROWS.
BUT THEN, THE SILENCE IS SHATTERED BY THE ARRIVAL OF THE MILITIA--ITS FIRE-POWER FOCUSED ON BOTH GIANTS.

NEXT ISSUE: THE CONCLUSION OF COMBATRA'S EPIC BATTLE WITH THE HAND OF FIVE--MORE MYSTERY--AND A SURPRISE ENDING--IN... **HEADED FOR DOOM!**